

## House Resolution No. 480

**Whereas**, it is with tremendous pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge a very rare milestone in the life of one of the Show-Me State's most illustrious citizens, Elizabeth S. Owens of Belle; and

**Whereas**, Elizabeth Owens renewed her highly esteemed membership in the Missouri Century Club on February 6, 2004, when she celebrated her One Hundred Fourth Birthday in the company of family members, friends, and other well-wishers; and

**Whereas**, Elizabeth Owens was born on February 6, 1900, in Osage County and enjoyed a wide variety of educational and rewarding childhood experiences as the sibling of two sisters and two brothers; and

**Whereas**, a Baptist in preference and practice, Elizabeth Owens studiously applied herself to obtaining a solid educational foundation at Buck Elk country school in her native Osage County; and

**Whereas**, Elizabeth Owens began a family of her own when she married her beloved William to start a loving relationship which would last for an exceptional fifty-seven years; and

**Whereas**, the blessed union of Elizabeth and William Owens was enhanced by the subsequent arrival of five children, six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Elizabeth Owens supported her growing family through her diligent vocational activities in a shoe factory; and

**Whereas**, in addition to her stellar history of productive employment, Elizabeth Owens is known for her interest down through the years in crocheting, gardening, solving word puzzles, fishing, playing cards, trying her hand at dominos, and attending family gatherings:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive life of Elizabeth Owens and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon reaching her One Hundred Fourth Birthday on February 6, 2004, and our best wishes for many more joyous occasions in life; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Elizabeth S. Owens of Belle, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Merrill M. Townley  
District No. 112

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 480, adopted February 10, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker